

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Working Together for Student Success

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Office of Accountability, Indiana Department of Education

State Board of Education Staff

DATE: July 26, 2017

RE: Freeway Accreditation Contract Extension

At the March 8, 2017 business meeting of the State Board of Education (Board), the Indiana Department of Education (Department) recommended that the Board consider extending contracts of those schools accredited under freeway contracts with the Board through June 2017 to extend the practice of "hold harmless" for the 2014-15 school year. This would extend the contract to provide these schools with one additional school year to achieve the minimum educational benefits required under IC 20-26-15-7 to maintain freeway accreditation.

The Department and Board staffs jointly recommend extension of the freeway accreditation contracts for the following schools with contracts that expired at the end of June 2017. The contract would be extended through the 2018-19 school year so that data from the 2017-18 school year may be considered for achievement of the minimum educational benefits.

- Avicenna Academy (B764)
- North Star Montessori School (A405)